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PLEASE PASS TO A.J. MEYER

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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF A.J. MEYER AND COLLEAGUES

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1. ABD AL-KARIM AL-IRYANI SAYS HE DOES NOT KNOW AT THE MOMENT OF ANY WAY HE CAN GET TO RIYADH WEEK OF NOVEMBER 14 TO MEET MEYER BUT URGES HIM TO RECONSIDER HIS SCHEDULE TO ALLOW A VISIT TO SANA DURING MEYER'S UP-COMING SWING THROUGH THE ARAB WORLD. IF NOT POSSIBLE AL-IRYANI WILL LOOK FORWARD TO MEYER VISIT TOSANA IN JANUARY.

2. AL-IRYANI IS VERY INTERESTED IN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEND YEAR OR SO AT HARVARD TO "GET READY FOR NEXT DECADE." HE STATES QUITE FRANKLY, HOWEVER, HE DOES NOT KNOW HOW HE COULD GET PERMISSION TO LEAVE. EMBASSY PLANS TO KEEP THIS ISSUE ALIVE, AS CHANCE TO READ AND WRITE FOR EIGHTEEN MONTHS OR TWO YEARS FOR AL-IRYANI WOULD CLEARLY BE IN LONG-TERM INTEREST OF YEMEN. TELL MEYER, HOWEVE, THAT CHANCES THT YARG MIGHT FUND SABBATICAL FOR IRYANI ARE NIL. OTHER ARAB GOVERNMENTS WOULD PROBABLY BE WILLING TO DO SO AND EMBASSY HOPES THAT HARVARD WOULD SEE ITS WAY TO MAKING CONTRIBUTION TO DISTINGUISHED ARAB LEADER IRYANI.
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